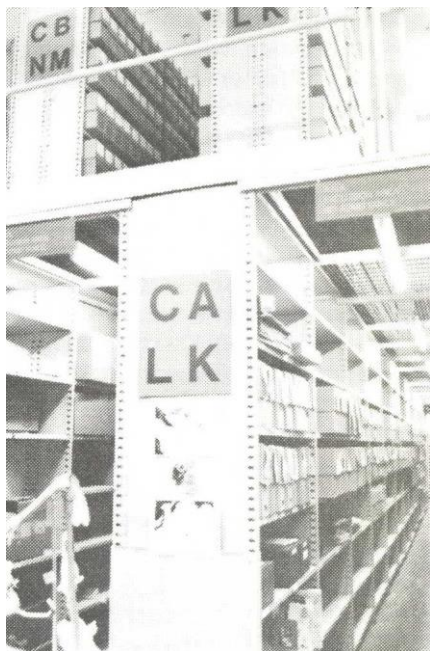




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TRIVIA CHALLENGE: What organization was considered “old” the day it was established?

TRIVIA ANSWER: The NSA/CSS Archives! The present-day form of the Archives was established in 1978 to house the official and permanent records of the Agency. At that time, NSA’s oldest records were only 26 years old, so, much of what was stored were records of NSA’s predecessors: the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA) and the cryptologic organizations of the military services that morphed into AFSA, all of which had their own versions of archival holdings.



The NSA Archives about 1990.

Originally the Archives was called the CAHA, or Cryptologic Archival Holding Area and it was organizationally structured with the History Office (prior to the establishment of the Center for Cryptologic History). The CAHA was designed to hold the still-classified historic records of the Agency until they could be declassified and shipped to the National Archives. Eventually the linkage between the records management program and the Archives was strengthened and these two functions were joined, while the History Office was realigned as a “customer” or “user” of the Archives.